



# 7TH ANNUAL POLICE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL CEREMONY IS MAY 16

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**Montgomery County, Virginia** –The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office will host the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Police Memorial Ceremony on Monday, May 16, at 5 p.m. The public is invited to the ceremony at the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg.

Christiansburg Police Chief Mark Sisson will be the featured speaker at this annual event honoring officers nationwide who lost their lives or were injured during 2010. The event will also remember those from Montgomery County who have paid the ultimate sacrifice: Officer Terry Griffith, Officer Scott Hylton, Security Guard Derrick McFarland and Corporal Eric Sutphin.



In 2010, 160 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty nationwide. In addition, 59 officers have died so far in 2011. This event is held in conjunction with National Police Officer Memorial Week, May 15-21. In 1962, President Kennedy designated May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the calendar week as National Police Week.



For more information, call the Sheriff's Office at (540) 382-6906.

*(Information and statistics courtesy of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund website, [www.nleomf.org](http://www.nleomf.org) and the Officer Down Memorial Page, Inc., [www.odmp.org](http://www.odmp.org)).*

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